

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: Focazio et al. | § Group Art Unit: 2166 |
| Serial No.: 10/692,166 | § |
| | § Examiner: Lin, Shew Fen |
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| For: Method and System for Generating SQL Joins to Optimize Performance | § Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030688US1 |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of date, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.